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CA-TF2 DEPLOYMENT TO NEW ZEALAND

Our 74-member California Task Force 2 has been requested through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) to assist in the rescue and recovery efforts of earthquake victims following yesterday's reported 6.3 magnitude earthquake near Christchurch, New Zealand. Task Force member staging has begun at the Department's USAR facility in Pacoima with anticipated departure from March Air Force Base this evening. In addition to the Task Force, a Department representative will be deployed to Washington, DC, to assist with the logistical requests that will be coming in from the deployed team.

It is a source of great pride for our organization to not only have this highly specialized response capability, but to be called into duty by USAID to help save lives and property beyond our borders. We will be in continual contact with the team throughout their deployment as well as with their family members.

We have approval from OFDA to release information and we are preparing a media release. We will keep your Board updated with any new developments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (323) 881-6180.

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